

## Positive Alternatives 2014 - 15 Quarterly Update

**Grantee: CRADLE OF HOPE**

**Goal: To provide housing assistance and portable cribs to pregnant women and their babies**

**For the period: July 01, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2015**

<b>Activity or Service</b>	<b>Activity or Service Description</b> <small>Major Work Plan Activities</small>	<b>Work Plan Count</b>	<b>Program Progress and Accomplishments</b> <small>Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.</small>	<b>Report Count</b>
<b>Administrative Activities</b>	Maintain application approval process; distribute program materials as needed; maintain, train and manage volunteers; train referral agencies; maintain or replace existing Crib-sites		Via our PA grant, Cradle of Hope continues to serve pregnant women and women with newborns who have need of either rental assistance or a safe place for their babies to sleep (PackNPlay). We are committed to supporting women in their decision to give life to their babies by distributing our applications to agencies throughout the state. See **Challenges below	
<b>Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education</b>	Provide newborns with portable cribs (Pack-n-Plays)	116	Because many of our PackNPlay recipient clients move from place to place rather frequently, PNP's have proven to be a good portable option to aid these women in making sure their babies have a safe place to sleep. To ensure that the client has the knowledge needed to keep their babies safe in the PNP, Agencies who distribute the PNP's for us are required to go through the Safe Sleep Education information (provided by the state) with their clients before the client is given a PNP.	140
<b>Housing Assistance</b>	Provide funding for housing assistance	38	Housing continues to be the highest monetary fund need. There are multiple reasons why pregnancy or the birth of a baby precipitates a decrease in client's wages and, therefore, increases their need for Rental assistance. Once again we have exceeded our work plan numbers due to increase in applications. We appreciate the assistance we received through the MN Department of Health in providing support to these women.	61

<b>Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies</b>	<b>No.</b>
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	140
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	

**Challenges:** \*\*We find we are processing a lot of applications for women from the counties near the Twin Cities, but many of the counties in Greater MN are not submitting applications to us. In the 6-months between April 01 and Sept. 30, 2015, over 60% of PackNPlay applications and over 80% of Rent applications we received were for women from the Twin-Cities' 7-County Metro area. Therefore, we are looking at ways to increase our support of women in Greater Minnesota.

**Comments:** \*We are grateful to be able to say "Yes" to the vast majority of women who seek assistance from us as a result of the MN Department of Health's consistent support of our program!